

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

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**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD AND HEARING NOTICE FOR
REVISIONS TO THE
MONTEREY REGIONAL MUNICIPAL STORM WATER DISCHARGES,
WATER QUALITY ORDER NO. 2003-0005-DWQ
NPDES No. CAS000004**

July 28, 2006

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board or Water Board) will hold a public hearing to obtain public comment on the Notice of Intent and Storm Water Management Plan submitted by the Monterey Regional Group, which includes Monterey, Marina, Del Rey Oaks, Pacific Grove, Seaside and Sand City, Monterey County, and unincorporated areas of Prunedale, Pajaro, Castroville and Carmel Valley Village (Discharger), for coverage under the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. The hearing will be on September 8, 2006, at the Monterey City Council Chambers, 598 Pacific Street, Monterey, California.

This Notice provides a deadline for submitting written comments and establishes hearing procedures.

Written Comments

The Discharger submitted revisions to the June 1, 2006, Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) on July 26, 2006. **You may submit comments pertaining to the revised portions of the SWMP only.** All written comments, evidence and legal argument must be submitted to the Water Board no later than **August 31, 2006**. See Contact Information below for information on where to send comments.

You are not required to resubmit prior comments.

Absent a showing of good cause satisfactory to the Chair of the Central Coast Water Board, written testimony, evidence, arguments and exhibits that do not comply with the above deadline will be excluded from the Administrative Record. A showing of good cause must include an explanation of why the materials could not be submitted earlier. The showing should also demonstrate (i) how excluding the submission from the record would prejudice the person submitting them, and (ii) that no person (including the Water Board) will be prejudiced by the late submittal.

Conduct of Hearing

The order of proceedings will be as follows:

1. Staff presentation
2. Discharger's presentation
3. Comments from other public agencies
4. Presentations by interested persons longer than three minutes (see requirement below regarding written comments)
5. Comments from other interested persons

6. Discharger's response to comments and summary
7. Staff summary and final recommendations

All interested persons may speak at the hearing, and should orally summarize their written submissions and/or rebut submissions of other interested persons. **All persons providing the same information or arguments are encouraged to make joint presentations.** Repetition of comments submitted in writing is not necessary. You may speak at the hearing even if you do not submit written comments, but the Water Board encourages all interested persons to submit their comments in advance.

Interested persons who submit written comments may request more than three minutes to make a presentation. **All persons making presentations longer than three minutes must limit their presentations to issues raised in written comments (either the speaker's written comments or written comments submitted by others) and responses to other speakers' oral testimony or comments.** Requests for additional time **should** be included in your written comments (note due date, above) and **must** be submitted no later than **September 5, 2006**. Please specify the amount of time you are requesting. Speakers are not required to submit their testimony (presentation) in writing before the hearing.

Statements by all other interested persons will be limited to **three minutes each**. Interested persons may not donate their time to other speakers.

Water Board members and Water Board counsel may interrupt a presentation with questions or comments at any time. The time for these questions and speakers' answers will not count toward the time limit for a presentation.

All Water Board files, exhibits, and agenda material pertaining to this matter are hereby part of the record.

The procedures governing Regional Water Quality Control Board meetings are at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. A copy is available upon request or on the State Water Board website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html.

The Water Board conducts hearings pursuant to Government Code sections 11400-11470.5 (except as otherwise provide in 23 Cal. Code of Regs. Section 648(c) and (d)), Government Code Section 11513, and Evidence Code Sections 801-805. At any time, the Chair may waive any evidentiary or procedural statutes or regulations that are not required by the U.S. or California Constitutions.

Any **objection** to these hearing procedures, and any request for a formal hearing pursuant to 23 Cal. Code of Regs. Section 648.7, must be submitted in writing to the Water Board by **September 5, 2006**. Failure to submit an objection by this deadline waives the objection. Failure to request a formal hearing by this deadline constitutes consent to an informal hearing. Objections or requests must be received by Roger Briggs and Lori Okun by 5:00 p.m. on the due date. Requests for a formal hearing must specify the additional procedures that the requestor is seeking.

Contact Information

All submissions required or permitted by this Notice must be sent to 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo, California, 93401, by email to rlodge@waterboards.ca.gov, or

fax to 805-788-3584. The Water Board must receive all submissions by 5:00 p.m. on the applicable due date.

Please call Ryan Lodge at 805-549-3506 if you have questions regarding this notice.